

PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 14, 2023  
MINUTES

Mayor Kevin Eachus called the regular meeting of the Pilesgrove Township Committee to order at 7:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Eachus directed the Clerk to read the following Annual Notice:

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings law. Notice of this meeting of March 14, 2023, posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building on January 3, 2023, posted on the Township website on January 6, 2023 and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Attendance:     Kevin Eachus                     Kelsey Mitchell, CFO  
                  David Bonowski                 Niki Arbittier, Esq.  
                  Joseph Crevino

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to approve the minutes of the February 14 and February 28, 2023 meetings and Closed Session minutes from February 28, 2023. Ayes all.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to approve the bill list as presented. Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to accept the Tax Collector's report for the month of February, 2023. Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to accept the Tax Collector's 2022 Annual Tax Collector's Report. Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to open the public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all.

There being no public comment, motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to close the public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all.

Station Commander, Mark Manzo came to introduce himself and update Committee on Trooper numbers and numbers of stops so far this year. Mayor Eachus let him know the Committee has sent a letter to request support from the County for no trucks on Marlton Road. The Committee also would like to test the emergency call button and asked the Clerk set up a good time with Mark Manzo.

Representatives from North Point Cold Storage Warehouse came to discuss their plans and explain to Committee where they are at in the process. The Cold Storage Warehouse would like Committee to allow them to start construction of their warehouse without prior outside approvals from NJDOT and NJDEP. They stated this will be a two year building process from start of construction to finish. The Committee stated that in order to have access to the building they need to get an access permit from the County and the intersection at Pointer-Auburn and Route 40 needs to be addressed with a light to ensure safety. The Cold Storage representatives will be discussing this more with Township and County Engineer, Jim McKelvie.

Fred Heekin from North Point asked Committee to confirm what type of light they would like to see at the intersection. Committee would like an actual light, not just a blinking light. Currently Fred thinks they will have technical review back from DOT July or August. Mayor Eachus asked if it would be possible to get a turn lane into the fairgrounds. Fred stated it would not be possible through the current NJDOT plan, but they would be happy to look into it and see if they can do anything with a separate application.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to authorize the Clerk to sign the Xtel proposal for phone services for a 36 month term for \$556.64 a month. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to authorize the Mayor to sign the Tier A MS4 Permit Grant Application form. Ayes all.

Motion by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to approve the cost of postage and handling for the Spring 2023 Newsletters at a cost not to exceed \$650.00. Ayes all.

Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to approve in bulk:  
Resolution 23-024, Approval of Monroeville Volunteer Fire Company Raffle Application  
Resolution 23-025, Transfer Resolution from Finance O/E to Health Benefits  
Resolution 23-026, Endorsing the submission of the 2022 Recycling Tonnage Grant  
Resolution 23-027, Employee Appointment for Jim Simpkins  
Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to open the public hearing on:

**ORDINANCE 23-02**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 20, FIRE DEPARTMENT, OF THE  
CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PILESGROVE**

There being no public comment, motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to close the public hearing on Ordinance 23-02.  
Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to adopt on second reading, Ordinance 23-02.

Roll call: Eachus yes, Bonowski yes, Crevino yes.

Motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to open the public hearing on:

**ORDINANCE 23-03**

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY RANGES  
FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF PILESGROVE IN THE COUNTY OF SALEM**

There being no public comment, motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to close the public hearing on Ordinance 23-03. Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to adopt on second reading, Ordinance 23-03.

Roll call: Eachus yes, Bonowski yes, Crevino yes.

Discussion items –

Public Works received a big thank you from a resident near the park for cleaning up a down tree, which was owned by the Township. Public Works also fixed his fence where the tree landed.

Dave Bonowski reviewed his technology findings from his visit into the Clerks Office. He is suggesting the Township upgrade the emails, which will give Township up to date software and backups. This would cost the Township \$1,500.00 for emails. We will have to look into how the payment would work, if we go this route due to them not accepting purchase orders. Kelsey will look into this and report back to Committee. Dave is also waiting on a proposal for a new firewall. He will have that information at the next meeting.

Joe Crevino has asked the Clerk to look into different IT Techs in Salem County.

The Clerk presented the three quotes received for the new website. Motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to approve Catalis for the website pending approvals from Township Solicitor and Township QPA. Ayes all.

The Rec Committee will be meeting April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm.

Kelsey Mitchell stated she will be ready on March 28<sup>th</sup> for more budget discussions.

Motion made by Bonowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crevino to open the public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all.

There being no public comment, motion made by Crevino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to close this public comment portion of the meeting. Ayes all.

Motion made by Eachus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonowski to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Ayes all.

Melissa Fackler, Clerk